

THE
PANTHER-PROPHECY,

OR,

A Premonition to all People,

OF

Sad CALAMITIES and MISERIES like to befall these *Islands*.

To which is added, An

Astrological DISCOURSE

Concerning

That strange APPARITION of an ARMY of HORSE
seen in *Wales*, near MOUNTGOMERY,

December the 20th. 1661.

ACTS 2, 17, and 19, Verses.

*Your Sons and your Daughters shall Prophesie, and your Young Men shall see Visions,
and your Old Men shall dream Dreams.*

*And I will shew Wonders in Heaven above, and Signs in the Earth beneath:
Blood, and Fire, and vapour of Smoak.*



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TO THE READER.

COURTEOUS READER,

AMong the many things that Providence hath offered to our serious Consideration, in this Age of Wonders from Heaven, and unparallel'd Actions from Men on Earth; this following Paper falling under the special notice of some persons, hath gain'd it self no small share in their Estimation, as a piece not a little significant to the present Generation. But what it is, and how much, and how nearly it doth concern us, is left to the Judgement of every judicious Reader to pass Sentence.

Some say it is a Germane Prophecie, which a Gentleman Travelling into those Countries (searching curiously after things of this nature) found among divers others, that he thought concerned these Islands.

Others say, it's an Antient Brittish Prophecie, setting down under these Figures and Representations, what should befall great Britain. But,

Others again say, That December, 1653. A Person of Honesty and Integrity; out of an extream sence of the Misery (which hath since been made sufficiently evident to common sence, and is daily more and more) that was coming upon his Country, as well as his own private affaires, by the Actions then on foot; fell into such a bitter Agony of Spirit, as brought him very low; and upon the 28th day of the Month, in Morning about day-break, (whether asleep or awake he was not certain) that which is contained in the following Paper was presented to him: But whether it was a Vision, or a Suggestion, or a Dream, the perplexity of his Spirit hindred him from discerning.

Now, whencesoever this Paper came, or whoſoever is the Author of it, by that of it which hath been already fulfilled, it hath gain'd it self so much credit, as to be worth a serious Consideration; and the remainder of it, deserves an Esteem of a somewhat more than Probability of Performance.

There came also to my hand another Paper, although it be a Discourse of another Nature; yet, for the sake of some remarkable things in it, I thought it worth the Publishing: The occasion of the Authors writing of it, was this, That wonderful Apparition of a great Body of Horse (appearing on a Common near Mountgomery in Wales, Decemb. the 20th. 1661.) coming to the ears of a very great Person, he sends for two of the most Famous Astrologers, requiring their Judgment upon that Apparition; both of them gave him their Judgment according to the best of their Skill in Art, which occasioned this Draught of it in this Mode and Stile.

Try all things, hold fast that which is good.

Farewel.

TO THE
READER

Countess Reader,
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I have the honor to receive from you a copy of your
new book, which I have just perused with great
pleasure. It is a most interesting and valuable
work, and I am sure it will be highly
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Sect. 1.

IN this Corner is the Portraiture of a Church Emblimatically expressing (by a Metonymy) the Containing for the Contained : Out of each Window and Door, Faces appearing, and Voices seeming to issue from them, saying, ---

Wee will wait for thy Salvation.

In this Corner is the representation of Christ in the flesh ascending to Heaven.

On this side stand Four Men as it were in Consultation.

The first like a compleat Souldier in the Ornaments and Accomodations of an eminent Commander, with his Sword in his Hand.

The second like a perfect Lawyer in his Judges Robes, a four-corner'd Cap upon his Head, before him the Law-Book, and in his hand a Charter and Sealt o it.

The third, a Citizen in a scarlet Gown, a black Hood, a gold Chain, a round flat Cap on his head, and a bag of Gold in his hand.

The fourth, a Clergy-man in his Canonical Gown, his long Cassack underneath, a diminutive Band, his three-corner'd Cap, with a Bible in one hand, and a Directory in the other.

From all these four goeth up a Voice, as if they were all conjoynd in one consent, saying, ---

Underneath is the Portraiture of a City with this Inscription, *A certain Noble Man went into a far Countrey to receive a Kingdom for himself, but his Citizens hated him, and sent after him, saying,*

We will not have this Man to rule over us.

Christ

We will not have this man to rule over us.

On this side of the first Section is a great Wood, and in the wood (scarcely to be discerned) a PANTHER.

The Crescent but just upon Changing

Crescent Changing.

B

In

In this Corner there is a }
 CHURCH (as before) with } Come Lord Jesus.
 Voices as before, saying, --- }

Here is a Wood and the PANTHER as before.

Here comes a Messenger to the four Men in Consultation, saying,

The Marriage Supper is prepared, Come.

The Lawyer answered, *I have bought five yoke of Oxen and go to prove them, I pray thee have me excused.*

The Citizen said, *I have bought a Farm, and I must go to see it.*

The Souldier answered, *I have married a Wife and I cannot come.*

The Clergy-man having the Picture of a Church on his right shoulder, with this Inscription, *My Cure*; and on his left another Church, with this Inscription, *An Augmentation*; between both upon the middle of his back another (like Pauls) with this Inscription, *A Poor Lecture of 400 a Year*: The Clergy-man turns his back on the Messenger, and hath the Globe of the World under his arm (which he hugs fast) and his hand is pointed out to any other Church at a distance from him, and these words go pointing from his finger, *I must have the advowson of yonder small thing*; and out of his mouth goeth voices, saying, *Let me have the Mastership of a Colledge or be a Chaplain to a Regiment.*

Here is a Wood, and the PANTHER coming out, but hides his Head between his Leggs.

Here the Souldier, the Lawyer, the Citizen, and the Clergy-man meet again, and each seeming to excite other to admire the beauty of the PANTHER.

The Lawyer speaking to the Souldier, the Clergy-man to the Citizen, and in their approach to the PANTHER, they are all METAMORPHOSSED thus,

The Crescent in the first Quarter.

Underneath a City with this Inscription by it, *They that embrace lying Vanities, forsake their own Mercies.*

In this Corner is Christ looking down from Heaven upon the *Metamorphosed* Men, uttering these Expressions darting upon them,

saying, --- The Lord will have you in derision. ---

PHOSSED thus,

The Souldier hath a Hares Head on his Shoulders.

The Lawyer a Foxes on his.

The Citizen an Asses on his.

The Clergy-man a Wolfs on his, and Sheeps skins hang over his Canonical Gown-shoulder.

In

In this Corner there is a
CHURCH (as before) and
Voices as before, coming
out saying,

O Lord how long ?

Here on this side cometh the PANTHER clear
out of the Wood, no wayes hiding himself, the
Wood being behind him.

The Crescent Increasing.

Here in the first place it is supposed the Souldier
hath offered up Himself and Sword to the PAN-
THER, which is all swallowed saving the Point
of the Sword and Foot of the Souldier.

And the other three are before the PAN-
upon their Knees.

The Lawyer with a great Charter in his

The Citizen with a Bag of Gold in his

The Chergy-man with a Bible in one
and a Directory in the other; under
the Surplice, and the Book of Common
(hardly yet discerned.)

And all the four are supposed to have given them-
and their Interests to the PANTHER, who
to have swallowed all but the Bible, and that
his teeth, as in the next Section.

In another Wood seemeth *Philonax* and his friends to come
joycing, and saying, *By these Revolutions we shall return to rest.*
they fall to Quaffing of a poor People, that are by them, saying,
of the Songs of Zion.

Underneath is a City and many going out of it, saying to each
other,

Come out of her, lest ye partake of her Plagues.

In this Corner is Christ
in the Clouds sitting upon
his Throne, & these words
issue down upon the Con-
junction,

saying,

He shall break them to pieces like a Potters Vessel.

THER

hand.

hand.

hand,
his arm
Prayer,

elves
seemeth
sticks in

forth re-
And then
Sing us one

In

In this Corner there is a } *Wo is me that I dwell*
 CHURCH (as before) and } *in the Tents of Me-*
 Voices (as before) coming } *sheck.*
 out saying, —————

Here is a Wood, and abundance of poor People that are fled out of the City, are at Prayers.

In this upper Section is the PANTHER, and hath swallowed up all (as before) saving the Bible, and that sticks in his teeth, and this Voice cometh from him, *O thus I cannot get down.*

Full Moon.

Then is he standing (but as a Beast doth when he vents his Ordure) and voids the Souldier with a Dukes Coronet upon his Hares head, and a Sword by his side sheathed, with a golden Pad-lock upon it.

He voides the Lawyer in his Robes with an Earls Coronet on his Foxes head, but nothing in his hand, saying, *I have gotten Honour, though I have lost mine own and the Nations Charter.*

The Citizen is voyded with a Barrons Coronet upon his Asses head, and nothing in his hand.

The Clergyman is voided in his Canonical Gown, Cassack down to his shooes (as before) his diminutive Band and Cuffes, his Stole about his Neck, his Scarlet Tippet and Surplice in one hand, and a Commission in the other hand, and upon the Seal Engraven, *Coercive Power.*

In this Sub-section the four Metamorphosed Creatures take up the PANTHER upon their Shoulders, and seem now to be one with him, and to support him.

Philonax and his Friends scornfully rejoyce and say, *They think they have pulled down the Brick and intend to build with hewn Stone.*

The wicked walks on every side, while the vilest of men are exalted:

Underneath is a City with several Disorders, as *Dancing and Revelling, &c.*

Here is Christ (as before) in the Clouds on his Throne, and these Words darting down upon his People in the Wood (from whence the PANTHER came.

saying, I have seen the Afflictions of my People, and am come down to deliver them.

A poor People are here in the Wood still mourning before the Lord for the breach of Covenant, and say, *Oh my God I am ashamed, and blush to lift up my face unto thee; for our Iniquities are increased over our Heads, and our Trespases are grown up to Heaven.*

In

In this Corner is a Church
(as before) and Voices as be-
fore, saying, _____

*Consider and bear me O
Lord my God, lighten mine eyes lest I sleep the sleep of
Death.*

In this Section is the PANTHER in his Pompe
born up of the four Supporters, having in his mouth
a Godly Man, (as it were) worrying him by the
neck; then comes the

Last Quarter.

In the Wood are many Praying, and saying, *For
thy sake are we killed all the day long, and accounted as
sheep for the slaughter.*

Hard by them is a Cattle, and many looking
through the grates of the Prison.

In one Corner of this Section is a Company of Military Officers in fools
Caps, one leading them up in a fools Cap, saying,

Come, we may deceive the Souldiers, and the Countrey also.

Near them is a Company of Lawyers in their fools Caps, led up by a Serjeant
of the Quoife, and he saith,

*Fear not Friends, the Law's not yet down, we may have double Fees
still.*

Next is a Citizen, leading up a Company of Citizens, he having his fools
Cap on his Head, and they theirs off, in their hands, saying unto them,

*Come, we shall enjoy our Monopolies : They Answered, I Ve fear our
Gold is become Dross.*

Next to them come the Clergy, led up by a Collegiate Doctor in his Pon-
tificalibus, and saith to the mad Crew of Clergy followig him (having fools
Caps on their Heads)

*We have pull'd down the Scismaticks, and now we may quietly enjoy our
Plurallities, and Tythes.*

Philonax standing in a Corner
with his Friends, is Courted
by the PANTHER to come
and close with him.

Underneath is a City with this Inscripti-
on on her Towers,

Confusion, Confusion, Confusion.

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In

Here is Christ sitting
in the Clouds upon his
Throne, and a Voice
coming from Him,

saying, -- Behold I stand at the door.

In this Corner is a Church, *Come Lord* and Faces (as *Jesus.* before) saying,

Here stands CHRIST in the Clouds with a bent Bow in his hand, an Arrow ready nocked, and a Quiver full of them by him, and hath shot abundance of them upon the Inhabitants of the Earth; these words come from him through the Cloudes,

Here is first of all an Arrow shot through the PANTHER's Head, and he is fallen off his Supporters, having his own broken, so that he can never rise again. A Voice goeth Mouth, saying, *He will wound the hairy scalp of every one in his Iniquity.*

Quite Extinct.

By the one side of the PANTHER lieth the Coronet lying in the dirt at a distance from him; through his Arm, so that his Arm and Sword are his Mouth goeth these Words, *No Weapon shall gainst Zion.* His Wife (for whom he forlook row of Pestilence, by him.

On the other side of the PANTHER Pavement; his Robes torn off his Back, and over his Head a broken shell, whereas *Rastol, Poulton, Dalton, Littleton,* and tumbling down upon the Lawyer, and then he saith, *He hath caught the Craf-driven away by the Sequestrators.*

Not far from him lieth the Citizen or Coronet, in a poor Black Suit Hand, with an Arrow shot thorow two Burthens; And his Farme thorow it, is on fire.

Over against him lieth the shot thorow his Back. (and *on is of thy self.*) The Globe reaching after it with both his Back and Shoulders; *Babylon is fallen, is fallen, Alas!*

Souldier, having his and an Arrow shot broken; and out of prosper that is formed a-Christ) is slain by an Arrow

lieth the Judge upon the his Coronet upon the ground, upon stood the Statute Books, many others, and these came the Statute Books broke his head; *ty in his own devices; and his Oxen are*

zen in the Dirt, without Gown, Chain, and Cloak, and an Empty Purse in his it; and he saith, *I have been an Ass between* beside him, having a flaming Arrow shot

Clergy-man on his Face, having an Arrow this Inscription upon the Arrow, *Thy Destruction* of the World is rousing from him, though he be his hands, the three Churches are tumbling off; and a Voice proceedeth from him, saying, *Alas!*

Then are the Souldiers, the Lawyers, and Clergy-men, and Citizens (all they that joyced at the Exaltation of the PANTHER) running away from the PANTHER's destruction, each crying out, *We for partaking of her Sins, must partake of her Judgements;* then are the Arrows thick Shot into their Backs as they seemed to run away.

Yea, *Philonax* and his Friends escapes not the common Calamity,

Then comes the poor People out of the Wood, and Clefts of the Rocks, and the Prison Doors are set open; and from their Mouths issue Voices, saying, *The Lord Reigns, let the Earth rejoyce.*

Then is the City fired, and these Words there-by, *As for these mine Enemies, that would not that I should Rain over them, bring them and slay them before my Face, &c. And he burnt their City with Fire.*

Strange

*Strange Newes from Heaven ; or an unheard of Discourse hapning among
the Planets, about a strange prank of Mars.*

IN the Western part of γ , δ sends down an Incorporeal Army, consisting of 1000 Horfe, (as to the Sence of Seeing) the ν conveyed the *Relation* of this *Martial Prank* to \circ , and \circ commands one of φ 's Disciples, to go down and search out the truth thereof ; this *Mercurian* Messenger returns and Confirms the Newes upon oath before \circ , (for you must note, that unless he had sworn he should not have been believed, for Swearing is chiefly practised, and in fashion with \circ and the Superior Planets ;) Oh strange face of Heaven ! But \circ to be further satisfied, makes his sollicitation to the God of Intelligence φ , to tell him the Effects this *Army Celestial* might signifie and produce ; φ much fearing the refulgent Rayes of so great a Presence, did on his Knees with Teares, humbly crave to be excused ; but \circ threatneth his destruction, and withal promised him pardon if he would tell the truth, be it of what concernment soever, nay, though it concerned himself ; φ goes to his aged Father η , the God of hidden Misteries and Secresie, for three hours advice, which having obtained, he comes again to \circ , and tells him, that this Celestial Wonder, did presignifie the downfal of him, and all those Stars which naturally partook of his Lustre ; and further said, That within two years it should be accomplished : And then will the rest of the Planets and wandering Stars, in their severall constellations, bewaile the absence of their Sun.

The Sun being perplexed at this sudden and uncouth Newes, commits the business to his Privy Counsellor φ , but φ being very ill dignified, minds nothing but Fudling and Lascivious Wantonness, and therefore can do \circ no good, unless to convey it to ν , &c.

But ν is in a fallacious hypocritical Sign, viz. π , very ill dignified in the house of Bloody δ , also stationary to Retrogradation, not minding to do much good until he come to Graple with his grand Antagonist η , whom he will find in his own house π , in *October, 1663.* till which time \circ cannot expect the good due to so deserving a Planet : Before which time, ν invites all the Planets to his House, the first of *December, 1662.* to inquire and debate what η and ν shall accomplish afterwards ; and therefore at present he is worse employed then to do \circ any good.

Friend, this Letter is locked, and the Key given to φ , who hath promised to deliver it to none but his own Children.

FINIS.